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- 1. MOFA DIRECTOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU PAK SANG YONG CALLED IN POLCOUNS AFTERNOON SEPT 9 TO EXPRESS ROK CONCERN OVER INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED THAT DPRK FONMIN INTENDING VISIT NEW YORK FOR NAM. PAK NOTED CONTINUING RUMORS OF POSSIBLE US-DPRK DISCUSSIONS AND FEAR THAT SUCH A VISIT WOULD ADD FUEL TO THE FIRE. HE SAID THAT IN THE VIEW OF ROK SUCH A VISIT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED AT THIS TIME.
- 2. POLCOUNS CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD HEARD OF THE EMERGENCY NAM SCHEDULED FOR LATE SEPTEMBER. HE POINTED OUT THAT ROK FONMIN WOULD ALSO BE VISITING UN DURING THIS PERIOD. IN LIGHT OF SPECIAL NATURE OF UN ENCLAVE AND ATTEMPTS TO REDUCE TENSION AND DEFUSE KOREAN ISSUE IN THE UN, HE DOUBTED THE WISDOM OF DENYING DPRK FONMIN TRAVEL TO NAM. US ASSURANCES REGARDING OUR POSITION ON MEETINGS WITH DPRK WERE ALSO REVIEWED. POLCOUNS DID UNDERTAKE HOWEVER TO REPORT FOREGOING ROK POSITION TO WASHINGTON. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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